

Amendments to the Claims:

A detailed listing of all the claims that are, or were, in the application is presented below. Current amendments to the claims, including additions being shown by underlining and deletions being shown by strikethrough or double brackets, are expressed in the listing.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-33 (Cancelled)

34. (Previously Presented) A textured surface covering comprising a textured substrate and a layer overlying said textured substrate;

said layer comprising a melt processable composition comprising a melt processable polymer resin and a melt process processing aid;

said textured substrate having a textured surface, the textured surface having an area in which the difference in height of the textured surface is about 1 mil vertical distance over no more than about 20 mils horizontal distance;

said layer having a first surface adjacent the textured surface and a second surface spaced from said textured surface; and

said layer conforming to said textured surface, whereby the first and second surfaces substantially follow the contours of the textured surface;

wherein said layer overlying the area has a thickness that varies less than about 20%.

35. (Previously Presented) The textured surface covering of claim 34, wherein the melt process processing aid is a lubricant.

36. (Previously Presented) A textured surface covering comprising a textured substrate and a layer overlying said textured substrate;

said layer comprising a melt processable composition comprising a melt processable polymer resin and a melt process processing aid;

said textured substrate having a textured surface, the textured surface having an area in which the difference in height of the textured surface is about 1 mil vertical distance over no more than about 20 mils horizontal distance;

said layer having a first surface adjacent the textured surface and a second surface spaced from said textured surface; and

said layer conforming to said textured surface, whereby the first and second surfaces substantially follow the contours of the textured surface;

wherein the viscosity of the melt processable composition is between about 4,500 to about 70,000 poise at some temperature between 225°F and 425°F.

37. (Previously Presented) The textured surface covering of claim 36, wherein the melt process processing aid is a lubricant.

38. (Previously Presented) The textured surface covering of claim 36, wherein said layer overlying the area has a thickness that varies less than about 20%.

39. (Previously Presented) The textured surface covering of claim 38, wherein the melt process processing aid is a lubricant.

40. (Previously Presented) A textured surface covering comprising a textured substrate and a layer overlying said textured substrate;

said layer comprising a melt processable composition comprising a melt processable polymer resin and a melt process processing aid;

said textured substrate having a textured surface, the textured surface having an area in which the difference in height of the textured surface is about 2 mils vertical distance over no more than about 20 mils horizontal distance;

said layer having a first surface adjacent the textured surface and a second surface spaced from said textured surface; and

said layer conforming to said textured surface, whereby the first and second surfaces substantially follow the contours of the textured surface;

wherein said layer overlying the area has a thickness that varies less than about 20%.

41. (Previously Presented) The textured surface covering of claim 40, wherein the melt process processing aid is a lubricant.

42. (Previously Presented) A textured surface covering comprising a textured substrate and a layer overlying said textured substrate;

said layer comprising a melt processable composition comprising a melt processable polymer resin and a melt process processing aid;

said textured substrate having a textured surface, the textured surface having an area in which the difference in height of the textured surface is about 2 mils vertical distance over no more than about 20 mils horizontal distance;

said layer having a first surface adjacent the textured surface and a second surface spaced from said textured surface; and

said layer conforming to said textured surface, whereby the first and second surfaces substantially follow the contours of the textured surface;

wherein the viscosity of the melt processable composition is between about 4,500 to about 70,000 poise at some temperature between 225°F and 425°F.

43. (Previously Presented) The textured surface covering of claim 42, wherein the melt process processing aid is a lubricant.

44. (Previously Presented) The textured surface covering of claim 42, wherein said layer overlying the area has a thickness that varies less than about 20%.

45. (Previously Presented) The textured surface covering of claim 44, wherein the melt process processing aid is a lubricant.

46. (Previously Presented) A textured surface covering comprising a textured substrate and a layer overlying said textured substrate;

said layer comprising a melt processable composition comprising a melt processable polymer resin and a melt process processing aid;

said textured substrate having a textured surface, the textured surface having an area in which the difference in height of the textured surface is from about 1 mil to about 5 mils vertical distance over no more than about 20 mils horizontal distance;

said layer having a first surface adjacent the textured surface and a second surface spaced from said textured surface; and

said layer conforming to said textured surface, whereby the first and second surfaces substantially follow the contours of the textured surface;

wherein said layer overlying the area has a thickness that varies less than about 20%.

47. (Previously Presented) The textured surface covering of claim 46, wherein there are no visible bubbles entrapped between the first surface of the layer and the adjacent textured surface of the textured substrate.

48. (Previously Presented) The textured surface covering of claim 46, wherein the melt processable polymer resin comprises a general purpose polyvinyl chloride resin.

49. (Previously Presented) The textured surface covering of claim 46, wherein the average thickness of the layer is between about 2 mils and about 50 mils.

50. (Previously Presented) The textured surface covering of claim 49, wherein the average thickness of the layer is between about 10 mils and about 20 mils.

51. (Previously Presented) The textured surface covering of claim 46, wherein the melt process processing aid is a lubricant.

52. (Previously Presented) The textured surface covering of claim 46, wherein the textured substrate comprises a fibrous material adjacent the textured surface.

53. (Previously Presented) The textured surface covering of claim 52, wherein the fibrous material comprises a woven or non-woven fabric.

54. (Previously Presented) The textured surface covering of claim 46, wherein the textured substrate comprises particulate material adjacent the textured surface.

55. (Previously Presented) The textured surface covering of claim 54, wherein the particulate material is selected from the group consisting of filled polymeric chips, flakes, granules and spherical particles, unfilled polymeric chips, flakes, granules and spherical particles, and combinations thereof.

56. (Previously Presented) The textured surface covering of claim 46, wherein the textured substrate is embossed, the textured substrate being free of chemical embossing inhibitor or accelerator.

57. (Previously Presented) The textured surface covering of claim 46, wherein the textured substrate is embossed, the textured substrate comprising a chemical embossing inhibitor or accelerator.

58. (Currently Amended) The textured surface covering of claim 46, wherein the area of the textured surface is embossed, the concentration of chemical embossing inhibitor or accelerator in the textured substrate adjacent the embossed area being substantially uniform and different than the concentration in the non-embossed area.

59. (Previously Presented) A textured surface covering comprising a textured substrate and a layer overlying said textured substrate;

said layer comprising a melt processable composition comprising a melt processable polymer resin and a melt process processing aid;

said textured substrate having a textured surface, the textured surface having an area in which the difference in height of the textured surface is from about 1 mil to about 5 mils vertical distance over no more than about 20 mils horizontal distance;

said layer having a first surface adjacent the textured surface and a second surface spaced from said textured surface; and

said layer conforming to said textured surface, whereby the first and second surfaces substantially follow the contours of the textured surface;

wherein the viscosity of the melt processable composition is between about 4,500 to about 70,000 poise at some temperature between 225°F and 425°F.

60. (Previously Presented) The textured surface covering of claim 59, wherein the melt process processing aid is a lubricant.

61. (Previously Presented) The textured surface covering of claim 59, wherein said layer overlying the area has a thickness that varies less than about 20%.

62. (Previously Presented) The textured surface covering of claim 59, wherein the melt process processing aid is a lubricant.